

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department - Diversion of 87.18 ha. of forest land (24.83 ha. in Katkoru Reserve Forest of Paloncha Division & 62.35 ha. in Thirumalakunta Reserve Forest of Khammam Division) for Indira Sagar Lift Irrigation Scheme in Khammam District, in favour of Superintending Engineer, I & CAD, DGP Circle, Tekulapally, Khammam - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O Ms. No. 98

Dated:13-12-2012.

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, A.P, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.7207/08-F1, dt.21-2-2008.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.1354/For.I (1)/2008, dt:25-2-2008.
3. From GOI, MoEF, Lr. F.No.8-19/2008-FC, dt:03-8-2009.
4. State Govt. letter No. 1354/FOR.I (1)/2008, dt.19-5-2010.
5. From GOI, MoEF, Lr. F.No.8-19/2008-FC, dt:30-4-2012.

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1st read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 87.18 ha. of forest land (24.83 ha. in Katkoru Reserve Forest of Paloncha Division & 62.35 ha. in Thirumalakunta Reserve Forest of Khammam Division) for Indira Sagar Lift Irrigation Scheme in Khammam District, in favour of Superintending Engineer, I & CAD, DGP Circle, Tekulapally, Khammam, and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for according approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in their letter 3rd read above, have accorded their approval in-principle (Stage-I) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the project, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

4. The State Government vide letter 4th read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests. The State Government vide further letters dated. 1-6-2011 and 18-2-2012 have furnished certain additional information as desired by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests.

5. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in their letter 5th read above, have accorded their approval (Stage-II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 87.18 ha. of forest land (24.83 ha. in Katkoru Reserve Forest of Paloncha Division & 62.35 ha. in Thirumalakunta Reserve Forest of Khammam Division) for Indira Sagar Lift Irrigation Scheme in Khammam District, in favour of Superintending Engineer, I & CAD, DGP Circle, Tekulapally, Khammam, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

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6. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, for diversion of 87.18 ha. of forest land (24.83 ha. in Katkoru Reserve Forest of Paloncha Division & 62.35 ha. in Thirumalakunta Reserve Forest of Khammam Division) for Indira Sagar Lift Irrigation Scheme in Khammam District, in favour of Superintending Engineer, I & CAD, DGP Circle, Tekulapally, Khammam, subject to the following conditions.

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) State Government shall raise compensatory afforestation over non-forest land equal in extent to the diverted forest land transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department from the funds realized from the User Agency.
- (iii) The Non-forest land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation as above shall be notified by the State Government as Reserve Forest under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section (s) of the local Forest Act, as the case may be, within a period of six months. The Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) shall report compliance.
- (iv) State Government of Andhra Pradesh shall realize additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee.
- (v) Wherever technically feasible, canal bank plantation shall be undertaken by the State Forest Department at the project cost.
- (vi) The State Government shall implement from the funds realized from the User Agency the Catchment Area Treatment Plan for Pedda-bhagu Tank and Bandarugudem tank duly approved by the State Forest Department.
- (vii) Canal water will be provided free of cost to the Forest department for raising nursery / plantation in the nearby areas.
- (viii) Tress shall be felled only when it becomes necessary and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department, and at the cost of the project.
- (ix) No labour camps shall be established on forest land.
- (x) The User Agency shall provide fuel-wood, preferably alternate fuel, to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage / felling of trees.
- (xi) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (xii) All other conditions stipulated by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh at the time of submission of the realignment proposal to the Central Government, shall be complied with by the User Agency.

- (xiii) User Agency shall submit annual self-monitoring report, indicating status of compliance to the conditions stipulated in the approval, to the State Government and the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry, and.
- (xiv) This approval of the Central Government will be subject to other clearances / formalities required under different Rules / Regulations like Environment clearance, if required.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M. SAMUEL,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Superintending Engineer,
I & CAD Department,
D.G.P. Circle, Tekulapally,
Khammam.

The Inspector General of Forests,
Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests,
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Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.